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Gumai pribilehu yan konfedensia este siha na mensåhi. Solo espesiåtmente para hågu ma entensioña pat ma aturisa para unrisibi. Sen prubidu kumu ti un ma aturisa para manribisa, na'setbe, pat mandespåtcha. Yang mensåhi , put fabot ago' guatu gi I numa'huyong gi as speaker@guamlegislature.org yan despues destrosa todu siha I kopian mensåhi. Si Yu'os ma'åse'.

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From: **J Won Pat** <cao.jwonpat@guahanacademy.org>
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Buenas yan Hafa Adai,

You are, hereby, given an official copy attached of the Board of Trustees's Resolution No. GACS 4-2020-223 relative to Authorizing the closure of the remainder of SY 2019-2020 as a result o Executive Order 2020-03 and Executive Order 2020-04 declaring a State of Emergency for the Territory of Guam and authorizing the Chief Academic Officer to implement plans for all student year.

Notice is being sent out to parents, students, faculty and staff, Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes, Vice Speaker and Oversight Chair of Education Senato Charter Council Chair Mr. Jesse Quenga.

We wish you, your family, and our people safety and continued good health.

Senseramente,

Dr. Judith T. Won Pat
Chief Academic Officer
Guahan Academy Charter School

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GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. GACS 4-2020-223

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE REMAINDER OF SY2019-2020 AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-03 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR ALL STUDENTS FOR AT NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a Global Health Emergency with regards to COVID-19; and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency over the COVID-19 outbreak in the continental United States;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of Guam issued Executive Order No. 2020-03 on declaring a State of Emergency for Guam due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 2020-04, mandated the closure of non-essential Government of Guam Offices and all public and private schools, the prohibition of large gatherings, the mandatory 6-feet social distancing and the restriction of entry into Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Guam extended the Executive Order 2020-04 extending the closure of non-essential Government of Guam Offices and all public and private schools, the prohibition of large gatherings, the mandatory 6-feet social distancing and the restriction of entry into Guam to May 4, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Guam Education Board adopted GEB Board Resolution No. 2020-03 "*Relative to Suspending Certain Guam Education Board Policies for School Year 2019-2020 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic,*" suspending classes for the remainder of School Year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees -- in its commitment to ensure parents and guardians that their children enrolled at GACS receive a fair and impartial evaluation of their academic standing at GACS, barring any harm or penalty due to closure of schools -- has directed the Chief Academic Officer to present a proposal for school closure, grades and promotion; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, Dr. Judith Won Pat, the Chief Academic Officer, presented to the Board a collaborative decision from the Deans, faculty and staff who determined that fourth (4th) quarter students will not get a grade lower than what they earned as of March 13, 2020, which is equivalent to a third (3rd) quarter grade – such recommendations are as follows:

- All Students will be promoted to the next grade level;
- All Elementary and Middle School students for next school year will be appropriately placed in Language and Math;
- All High School students will be granted the relevant credits earned for the semester;
- Service Learning is hereby waived for graduating seniors only.
- High School teachers will continue to work closely with each individual senior to complete assignments by May 5, 2020, to ensure they graduate;
- Promotional Certificates will be issued upon request when the quarantine is lifted otherwise the Promotional Certificates will be filed in the child's cumulative folder;
- Diplomas can be picked up at the opening of next school year 2020-2021 or sooner when the quarantine is lifted;
- Parents can contact their child(ren) teacher(s) for third (3rd) quarter and fourth (4th) quarter grades. Parents can reach the teachers through GACS' website at www.guahanacademy.org and click faculty._staff@guahanacademy.org.
- Dual-credit courses will be graded using traditional grading methods since these courses carry potential college credit

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that the recommendations are offered in response to the mandated closure of all schools and the consideration for the closure of the remaining SY 2019-2020 due to the threat of a potential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, under Article 7.7 of its Eight Amended and Reinstated Bylaws, "*Trustees Acting Without a Meeting", the Trustees do hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution without a meeting and hereby file this resolution with the Secretary of the Corporation".*

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby declares that Guahan Academy Charter School is hereby closed for the remainder of the SY2019-2020 effective immediately on April 24, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby deems and adopts the recommendations as a fair and impartial evaluation of the academic standing of its students and hereby directs the Chief Academic Officer and the Deans to implement said recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees applauds the work of the Chief Academic Officer, Dean of Elementary Education and the Dean of Secondary Education, Curriculum Coordinator, dedicated faculty and staff who make every good faith effort, within available capabilities, to support continued learning outside of school and how best to help students during the COVID-19 ordered school-building closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Board Liaison to transmit on behalf of the Board an executed copy of this Resolution to the Parents and Guardians of GACS Students, the Officers of GACS Parent-Teacher Organization, the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, I Maga'haga Guahan; the Honorable Tina Muna-Barnes, the Speaker of the Guam

Legislature, the Honorable Telena C. Nelson, Vice-Speaker of the Guam Legislature and Chairwoman of the Committee on Education; the Honorable Jesse Quenga, Chairman of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council; the Honorable Mayor Melissa Savares, Major of Dededo and Chairman of the Mayors Council of Guam; all GACS school administrators, and employees; and to further post a copy on GACS website.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this *24th* day of April, 2020, we, the undersigned members of the Board of Trustees of Guahan Academy Charter School, affix our signatures to this Resolution, and attest that said Resolution is now in full force and effect without modification or rescission, and request that the Secretary affix her signature or the corporate seal to this Resolution.

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Trustee

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I, DR. JACQUI CYRUS, duly elected Secretary of GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., a registered Guam nonprofit corporation, do hereby certify that the Board of Trustees of GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. has executed RESOLUTION NO. 4-2020-223, "*Authorizing the Closure of the Remainder of SY2019-2020 as a Result of the Governor of Guam's Executive Order 2020-03 and Executive Order 2020-04 Declaring a State of Emergency for Guam and Authorizing the Chief Academic Officer to Implement the Recommendations Under GACS Recovery Plan for All Students For Next Academic Year.*"

I further certify that this authorization which was duly ratified by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees has not been rescinded, amended, or modified and is, and remains, in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate this 27th day of April, 2020, and certify under penalty of perjury, that the above statement is true and accurate.

DR. JACQUI CYRUS, Secretary